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SUBJ: PANAMA CANAL TREATY BRIEFING FOR VENEUZLEAN

PRESIDENT PEREZ

REF: STATE 275620

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR TELLS ME THAT IT IS NOT GOING TO BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT A BRIEFING HERE IN CARACAS BEFORE PRESIDENT PEREZ LEAVES FOR NY. HE EQUALLY BELIEVES THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO DO SO DURING THE PRESIDENT'S ONE-DAY STAY IN NY BUT SAID PERHAPS A BRIEF MEETING COULD BE "SQUEEZED IN".

2. ESCOVAR IS GOING TO NEW YORK ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12. HE HAS ASKED THAT AMBASSADOR BUNKER CONTACT HIM IN NEW YORK VIA THE VENEZUELAN UN MISSION AND HE WILL TRY TO WORK OUT SOMETHING FOR TUESDAY, NOV 16. ESCOVAR SAID HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INVITE AMBASSADOR BUNKER FORMALLY TO COME TO CARACAS AFTER THE PRESIDENT RETURNS THE FIRST OF DECEMBER FOR "TWO OR THREE DAYS" AND WILL TALK TO AMBASSADOR BUNKER IN NEW YORK ABOUT THAT

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